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SUBJECT: KOREAN FEELER RE PARTICIPATION IN OECD  
ACTIVITIES

1. ON MARCH 16, BRITISH PERMREP MADDOCKS DESCRIBED FOR  
AMBASSADOR SALZMAN A VISIT MADDOCKS HAD ON FEBRUARY 22  
FROM KWANG JE CHO, DCM OF KOREAN EMBASSY IN PARIS.

2. ACCORDING TO MADDOCKS, CHO SEEMED QUITE CONVERSANT  
WITH OECD ACTIVITIES. HE ASKED HOW KOREA COULD BEST  
GO ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED IN FOUR SPECIFICALLY CITED  
OECD ACTIVITIES (ECONOMIC POLICY DISCUSSIONS, STEEL,  
TEXTILES, AND SHIPBUILDING).

3. MADDOCKS SAID HE RESPONDED ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT  
WHILE OECD WAS INDEED ENGAGED IN THESE ACTIVITIES,  
MEMBERSHIP OR ASSOCIATION REQUIRED UNANIMOUS APPROVAL  
OF MEMBERS. YUGOSLAVIA HAD OBSERVER STATUS, BUT IT  
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WAS A SPECIAL CASE AND ARRANGING KOREAN PARTICIPATION  
WOULD NOT BE EASY. IF THE KOREANS WERE SERIOUS  
MADDOCKS SUGGESTED THEY COULD POSSIBLY BEST PURSUE  
THEIR EFFORT IN A SPECIAL GROUP SUCH AS SHIPBUILDING.  
(MADDOCKS TOLD SALZMAN THAT SUBSEQUENTLY LONDON CON-  
CURRED WITH WHAT HE HAD SAID AND THOUGHT SHIPBUILDING  
WAS THE ONLY ACTIVITY IN WHICH KOREAN PARTICIPATION

MIGHT BE ADVANTAGEOUS.)

4. CHO TOLD MADDOCKS HE HAD SPOKEN TO ONE OR TWO OTHER DELEGATIONS (BUT MADDOCKS DID NOT KNOW WHO THEY WERE). MADDOCKS SUGGESTED THAT, IF THEY WISHED TO PURSUE MATTER, THE KOREANS SHOULD APPROACH THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND CONDUCT BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL OECD MEMBERS. CHO ASKED MADDOCKS' OPINION ON WHETHER KOREAN MISSION TO THE EC WOULD PROVIDE A CHANNEL OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE EQUIVALENT TO WHAT KOREANS MIGHT GET BY SELECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN OECD. MADDOCKS SAID NO, OECD HAD INFORMATION AND CONDUCTED ACTIVITIES NOT DUPLICATED IN BRUSSELS. MADDOCKS UNDERTOOK ONLY ONE OBLIGATION WITH CHO, THAT IS TO INFORM OECD COLLEAGUES. HE HAS SINCE PASSED THE INFORMATION TO VAN LENNEP AND INFORMED EC PERMREPS AT A MEETING HERE, AND HAS ALSO TOLD PERMREPS OF JAPAN, CANADA, SWEDEN, AND AUSTRALIA.

5. MADDOCKS DID NOT KNOW WHY HE HAD BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR THIS VISIT BUT THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BECAUSE OF SOME CONTACT HE HAD HAD WITH SOUTH KOREANS WHEN HE HAD SERVED IN HONG KONG (ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO).

6. COMMENT: CHO'S MEETING WITH MADDOCKS SOUNDS LIKE A PRELIMINARY INFORMATION GATHERING EFFORT ON THE BASIS OF WHICH AN APPROACH FOR PARTICIPATION MIGHT BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DECIDED. OF THE FOUR ACTIVITIES MENTIONED BY CHO, NO SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSIONS ARE UNDERWAY HERE ON TEXTILES (THE TEXTILE SUBGROUP OF THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE HAVING BEEN TERMINATED). ON SHIPBUILDING, THE U.S. IS ONLY AN OBSERVER IN COUNCIL WORKING PARTY 6. IN ADDITION, AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY POINTED OUT (REF UNAVAILABLE HERE NOW), MARKET-SHARING IS AN ISSUE IN THIS GROUP AND THIS TOO WOULD IN OUR VIEW MAKE IT INAPPROPRIATE TO ENCOURAGE KOREAN PARTICIPATION IN THIS GROUP. ON STEEL, THE AD HOC GROUP IS CONTINUING ITS WORK; WE ASSUME WASHINGTON HAS BEEN CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER AND WHEN TO BRING MORE ADVANCED LDC PRODUCERS INTO A PROCESS OF CONSIDERING GLOBAL STEEL PROBLEMS. (MADDOCKS SAID LONDON FELT KOREAN PARTICIPATION IN THE STEEL GROUP HERE WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL SINCE IT SEEMED CLEAR KOREANS WOULD NOT CHANGE THEIR PRACTICES.) THE EPC HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE BECAUSE OF ITS LIKE-MINDED MEMBERSHIP. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE IDEA OF INCLUDING EVEN THE MOST ADVANCED LDCS IN THIS KEY . FORUM.  
SALZMAN

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